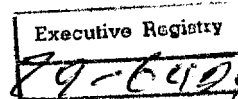


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Dear Professor Hough,

I read your article on Russian politics in The Washington Post last Saturday with great interest. While I think that we are not making all of the mistakes which you suggest, we are probably making some of them. I am always anxious to improve. I am also anxious to encourage the development of differing views on situations that are as complex as the motivations behind Soviet policy.

I would therefore like you to consider coming to Washington to lead a seminar on the prospects for major internal evolution in the USSR and the significance of middle-level political discourse as an agent of change. A seminar such as the one I am proposing would provide you with an opportunity to suggest areas of research which we may not be adequately exploring and also to get a better feel for the kinds of work on internal Soviet political affairs that we actually do.

If you are interested, you should phone our National Intelligence Officer for the USSR-Eastern Europe, [redacted] whom I understand you know. [redacted] has offered to organize an appropriate seminar. STAT
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I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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